

DIARY NOTES

ADD/A (Colonel White)

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Messrs. Saunders and Pforzheimer report that our own CIA budget may come up within the next two to three weeks and Mr. Saunders assures me that he will be completely ready by the end of next week. We must ascertain the Director's plans for leave so that if he is going to be absent during this period we can change our appearance date accordingly.

2. Mr. Pforzheimer received a call from [REDACTED] PSB Legislative Officer, telling him that Congressman Armstrong had requested [REDACTED] assistance in securing a Government auditorium for a conference on Psychological Warfare during 22 and 23 February. [REDACTED] will take steps to insure that the meeting is not held in a Government building. State Department plans no direct action; they can't handle Armstrong.

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3. Spent some time with Lofty Becker and his Assistant Directors discussing new personnel ceilings.

4. General Davison telephoned to say that he was going to stop entry on duty of personnel now in process. I told him that this was entirely wrong and that the Director had specifically approved of entering on duty all personnel now in process, providing they meet all the qualifications, etc. and that he should not stop entering people on duty.

5. Met with the Building Committee at 11:00 and gave them the benefit of the latest developments on this subject. [REDACTED] asked permission to spend not to exceed [REDACTED] in order to prepare a good presentation. I told him that he should talk with the Comptroller and the General Counsel about the legality of spending funds in this manner and added that if it could be arranged I would approve of the expenditure; however, I cautioned him not to develop a presentation so elaborate that a Congressman might ask how much it cost, etc.

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25X1A6a 6. I talked with Sheff Edwards again [redacted] telling his social
25X1A9a friends that he was going to [redacted] for CIA. [redacted] in today and Sheff
met with him and laid it on the line that he must stop this business. [redacted]
of course, denied everything. Sheff told him if we got any more reports of
this nature we would have to take it up with the Director.

25X1A9a 7. [redacted] Ed Saunders, and Larry Houston attended the 10:30
meeting. They were advised of the Director's approval of our Staff Study on
"Personnel Ceilings" and told that we would undertake immediate steps to
implement the plan. It was agreed that our next step should be to sit down
with the Deputies and decide on priorities for recruitment, etc.

We also discussed the necessity for a T/O procedure for employees
on a contractual basis and for ID/A receiving current information as to the
number of such employees on duty, in process, etc. [redacted] was requested
to come up with recommendations which would solve these two problems. 25X1A

25X1A2d2 A message from [redacted] relative to 25X1A9a
getting 250 bodies out for [redacted] was discussed briefly and it was generally
agreed that we could not supply this many bodies for some considerable time
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